

JUDGE ALLEY TO ADDRESS SENIOR CLASS IN FINALS

Commencement Exercises Will Be Observed On Friday Night

Seventy-six seniors in the Murphy high school will be graduated amid one of the most impressive commencement programs ever arranged in Murphy Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school auditorium.

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, who will speak on "The Age of Opportunity", will deliver the principal address.

Sunday night the school observed its annual baccalaureate services with the Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Franklin, offering the sermon. His subject was "The Laws of Character".

To the prelude "Sonata Opus 16" (Beethoven) played by Roberta Corringer, the processional of seniors, seventh grade students and ministers conferred. The hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King", was sung by the congregation.

Music Is Heard

Following prayer conducted by the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, Methodist minister, the glee club rendered an anthem "The Heavens are Declaring". Announcements and the scripture by the Rev. J. C. Ammons, Baptist pastor, followed.

After Mr. Abernethy's address, a double quart consisting of Ty Burnett, Mildred Hill, Beecher Allen, Helen Leatherwood, Mary Frances Bell, Jack Barnett, Barbara, Melver, and Jack Barton Aiken, rendered "Above the Hills".

The benediction and recessional followed.

While the auditorium was filled for the ceremony, an even larger group is anticipated for the final exercises Friday night.

The processional, "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" (Rachmaninoff) will be played by Miss Carringer.

Joseph Miller Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, of Murphy, by virtue of maintaining the second highest scholastic average, will deliver the salutatory. Two choral numbers by the girls glee club will follow.

Alley To Speak

Judge Alley will then be introduced by Mr. H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit.

Following Mr. Alley's talk, Jack Barnett and Miss Billie Jackson will render a piano duet.

Presentation of awards and medals will be made by H. G. Elkins, member of the school board. Dr. J. N. Hill, chairman of the school board, will present seventh grade certificates and diplomas.

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Mason To Run For Democratic Sheriff's Office

L. L. Mason, present sheriff of Cherokee county, has formally announced his candidacy for that office to succeed himself subject to the Democratic party.

The incumbent, who is one of the largest cattle buyers and dealers in Western North Carolina, has served as sheriff during the present two year term and in 1933 and 1934.

Mr. Mason's announcements is as follows:

To the Democratic voters of Cherokee County I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff subject to the Democratic Primary to be held June 4, 1938. My experience for the past 18 months as sheriff and the experience I had while sheriff in 1933 and 1934 makes me more able to serve the people for sheriff in the next 2 years if nominated and elected. Thanking every one for the good vote and support you have given me in the past, Your support and influence will be greatly appreciated.

L. L. MASON

Saturday Last Filing Date In This County

Candidates and would-be candidates for political offices in Cherokee county for the fall elections are reminded by Fred O. Bates, chairman of the county board of elections, that Saturday is the latest date they can file.

Notice of candidacy and fee must be placed with the board by that time.

The time of expiration of filing was recently moved up several weeks by action of the state board.

SHIELDS NOT TO RUN FOR SHERIFF OF THIS COUNTY

A. L. Martin States He Will Not Be Candidate For Office

In a letter to E. C. Mallonee, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Cherokee county, Wednesday, Lee Shields, prominent Cherokee county announced that he would not be a candidate for the office of sheriff.

Mr. Shields' letter follows:

At the urgent request of many loyal friends, I had decided to make the race for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary in June. However, for various reasons, some of which I will give, I have made up my mind to withdraw from the race.

First of all, I am a Democrat, I have always been a Democrat and will continue in that faith to the end. I do not think it is for the best interest of the party for too many candidates to be in the field. I place harmony in the party and loyalty to the party above personal considerations. It is my desire to be a loyal and faithful democrat and to do that which works for the best interest of the county.

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Tax Listers Located In Murphy Court Room

J. W. McMillan, tax commissioner for Cherokee county, is urging taxpayers to list their taxes now and avoid a 25 per cent penalty later on which is incurred in delinquent tax listing.

The tax listers for Murphy township will be located in the court room for the remainder of the week, he said.

WETTER WEATHER PUTS "DAMPER" ON EASTER HATS

If you believe in April showers your score is 100.

Incessant rainfall here for the past week not only spelled defeat for those perky Easter bonnets, but has put a "damper" on business in general.

With the exception of Monday, there has not been a day in the past ten that has not seen heavy rainfall. The local TVA engineering data division, under the direction of James Smallshaw, has reported over nine inches of rain since the first of the month.

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1938		1937	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
13	71	39	72	29
14	78	41	75	43
15	78	47	73	53
16	78	48	68	35
17	76	58	81	31
18	68	54	86	42
19	68	51	82	51

Since	Rainfall—Inches	
	1938	1937
Since April 1	8.89	2.23
Since January 1	20.81	19.48

PRECINCT HEADS GIVEN APPROVAL BY LOCAL BOARD

Registers, Judges, Clerks Announcing in 25 Voting Precincts

With the expiration of filing date for candidates in Cherokee county set for Saturday, Fred O. Bates, chairman of the board of elections, announced Tuesday that lists of registers, judges and clerks had been approved by all members of the board and officials of the parties.

Voting in the Democratic primary and in the general elections this fall will be held in 25 county precincts. The addition of a new precinct, Hiwassee Dam, was announced recently by the board.

The list of registers and judges is as follows:

Murphy, (South), register, Roy Wells; judges, Bailey Meroney, (D) and W. P. Odom (R). Murphy (North), register, Cody Hembree; judges, Noland Wells (D) and Tom Axley (R). Tomotla, register, J. S. Keener; judges, Gar Harper (D) and Edgar Price (R). Braestown, register, Voyd Hogan; judges, A. R. Stalcup (D) and Sam Carringer (R). Burnt Meeting House, register, S. A. Hughes; judges, J. L. King (D) and E. E. Hedden (R).

Ranger, (Walker School House), register, J. M. Kilpatrick; judges, George Hogsted (D) and Carl Stiles (R). Culberson, register, Commodore Stiles; judges, Tom Trnett (D) and Carl Anderson (R). Hot House, register, T. T. Johnson; judges, C. C. Foister (D) and Lester Cole (R). Shoal Creek, register, Mrs. Edgar Taylor; judges, Ralph Pope (D) and Jim Payne (R).

Vests, register, W. H. Floyd; judges, Walter Chatman (D) and S. E. Quinn (R). Liberty, register, Mrs. W. F. Hill; judges, Mart Raper (D) and Leonard Brown (R). Grape Creek, register, George Rogers; judges, Roland Carter (D) and N. E. Dockery (R). Ogeeta, register, Fred Martin; judges, J. P. Johnson (D) and John Taylor (R). Unaka, register, Maude Crow; judges, Sam Chambers (D) and Wesley Odom (R).

Long Ridge, register, Mrs. Ben Morrow; judges, Willard Graham (D) and Garfield Morrow (R). Upper Beaverdam, register, Mrs. Cliff Radford; judges, John Walker (D) and Uley Farmer (R). Boiling Springs, register, James Mintz; judges, Floyd Arms (D) and Baxter Davis (R). Hangingdog register, Roland McDonald; judges, Dewey Kephart (D) and Walter Dockery (R). Ebenezer, register, Noah McDonald; judges, Grove Whitner (D) and M. H. Palmer (R).

Marble, register, J. H. Bryson; judges, Everett Mintz (D) and Jeff Trull (R). Andrews (North), register, Frank Reagan; judges, W. W. Barker (D) and S. H. Palmer (R). Andrews (South), register, Vence Love; judges, Charley Jones (D) and Charlie Crain (R). Topton, register, Jess Matherson; judges, H. Conley (D) and D. B. Wright (R). Hiwassee Dam, register, B. M. Riney; judges, Frank Hentree (D) and Garland Moore (R).

Home Demonstration Meetings Scheduled

Three home demonstration club meetings have been scheduled in Cherokee county within the next ten days by Miss Aline Richardson, home demonstration agent.

They are: Tomotla (school building) Thursday at 1 p. m.; Andrews (at home of Mrs. David Swan) Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p. m., and Peachtree (school building) Friday, April 29 at 1 p. m.

Meetings have been held so far this month at Martins Creek, Bellview, Grandview and Suit, Miss Richardson stated.

Republican Party Selects Candidates For Principal County Offices This Fall

Miss Richardson Dies At Home In Murphy Saturday

Funeral services for Miss Blanche Myrtle Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richardson, of Murphy, were conducted from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, the pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Harshaw cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Miss Richardson died Saturday morning of a rare malady that she had suffered for some time. Although she was born and reared in Murphy, she spent a great deal of time in Knoxville, Tenn., where she was a cosmetic director and buyer for some of the leading drug stores there and was president of the Druggist club. She joined the Methodist church here at the age of 11.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Miss Aline Richardson, of Murphy, and Mrs. J. V. Brittain, of Black Mountain.

Active pallbearers were: Wade Massey, Howard Moody, Henry Axley, Harry Bishop, H. A. Mattox and Dale Lee.

Honorary pallbearers were: R. R. Deal, C. L. Dobbs, W. M. Axley, H. E. Dickey, A. Q. Ketter, R. B. Wooten, Lowry Hill, Walter Mauney, Tom Mauney, Fred Moore, R. C. Mattox, Neil Davidson, John Axley, Arthur Akin, Tom Axley, G. W. Ellis, Richard Meroney, Winslow Melver, Grant Ledford, E. C. Moore, K. V. Weaver.

Dave Carringer, Reid Mallonee, Elmer Stiles, W. H. Murray, Frank McDonald, P. C. Hyatt, C. I. Calhoun, W. M. Fain, Harry Miller, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Dr. J. N. Hill, Frank Ellis, Neil Sneed, W. E. Studstill, L. M. Shields, L. L. Mason and Abe Hembree.

Few Report Seeing Aurora Borealis Here

Due to the inclement weather and low hanging clouds in this vicinity Saturday night, few people reported having seen the gorgeous aurora borealis show in the northern sky that night. However, people from a number of surrounding communities in Cherokee county said they saw the brilliant display of flickering pink and blood-red lights.

The lights, said to be the brightest in 35 years, were visible from 12:30 until 2:30.

Scientists say the northern lights are like colossal neon tubes of the stratosphere; the gases of the upper strata of air are touched off by the electricity of the magnetic storms high above the earth.

The electric current, says the Encyclopedia Britannica, evidently comes from or is induced by the sun. One theory is that the cause lies in negative particles shot off by the sun and caught in the magnetic field of the earth. Another is that alpha-particles, with a plus charge, come up from radioactive substances in the sun.

Large Still Captured Near Unaka Community

The Cherokee county sheriff's department reported Wednesday the capture of a large still on Rose Branch below the Unaka community Monday afternoon.

Sheriff L. L. Mason and Deputy Sheriff Robbie Robinson captured the liquor-making outfit and poured out a large quantity of beer. It was a 40-gallon still. No arrests were made.

Jarrett For Representative, J. C. Townson For Sheriff Named

GUDGER IS SPEAKER

Donley Named for Clerk Of Court; Other Officers Nominated

The Republican party of Cherokee county named its complete slate of officers at a meeting in the Murphy court house Saturday afternoon.

Those nominated to county offices were:

For representative in the general assembly—Ossie H. Jarrett, of Andrews.

For sheriff—J. Carl Townson, of Murphy.

For clerk of the superior court—John Donley, of Murphy.

For register of Deeds, Henry Barton, of Murphy.

For coroner—Dr. Fred L. Herbert, of Andrews.

For surveyor—O. G. Anderson, of Culberson.

County commissioners candidates were named as follows:

First district (Valleytown), H. G. Dills; second district (Murphy), Gilbert Stiles; third district (lower end of county), Milt Anderson.

For the county board of education, the convention nominated Fred G. Davis and B. F. Fox.

Justice of the peace—Valleytown township, H. H. Hyde; Murphy township, Effert Hall; Notla township, Arthur Nichols; Hot House township, no candidate; Beaverdam township, Vance Radford.

Constables—Valleytown township, Herman West; Murphy township, Sheridan Stiles; Hot House township, A. L. Cole; Notla township, Guy Hyatt; Beaverdam township, Clifford Murphy.

The meeting was widely attended and presided over by Edwin Hyde, Murphy attorney. Vonno L. Gudger, of Asheville, Republican candidate for congress, gave the keynote address.

By holding the convention and nominating candidates for the county offices, the party thus obviate the necessity of primary voting.

In his talk Mr. Gudger called upon party members to cooperate in making the party victorious and tapped the New Deal spending policy.

Mr. Gudger was introduced by Mr. Jarrett.

D. H. Tillitt Is Candidate For Representative

D. H. Tillitt, Andrews attorney, who is serving as attorney for Cherokee county at present, has announced his candidacy for representative in the general assembly subject to the Democratic primary of June 4.

Mr. Tillitt, who has spent all his life in Andrews and has been prominently connected with civic and religious affairs there, has served in the legislature on previous occasion.

His announcement is as follows:

After much consideration and solicitation from many friends, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the Legislature of North Carolina from Cherokee county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held on the 4th day of June, 1938.

I feel that one who is offering himself as a candidate for the Legislature should state what he stands for and would advocate if he were elected. If I am elected to the Legislature I advocate and will do my best to get

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